

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday
February 5, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland

Members Present

John Van Walleghen
Sharon Fearey
Bob Schreck
Tony Rangel
Gregory Chinn
Bickley Foster
Dorathea Sloan
Clarence Wiley
Linda Matney
Wendell Turner
Veronica Casados

Guests

listed at end

Council Member Cole called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed guests and asked DAB members to introduce him or herself and identify the area or association represented.

After introductions were complete, **Council Member Cole** asked for approval of the January 17, 2001 minutes. The minutes were amended to include a) Veronica Casados, DAB Member as present for the evening meeting and b) on page 4 of the minutes under item 3:LOS stands for *Levels of Service* not standards as stated (**Foster/ Schreck 10-0**)

Member Rangel arrived at 7:07p.m.

Council Member Cole asked to approve modifies or amends to the agenda presented.

Cole asked to add:

Change item 5: to Problem Properties
Change Item 7b: to Compensation Increase
Include Item 6a: C& D Landfill
Add Item 6b: Neighborhood University Round Table Representatives

Amendments to the agenda were approved. (**Schreck/Sloan 11-0**)

Motion to include as 7a: MAPC *Notice of Public Hearings* (**Schreck/Foster 11-0**)

PUBLIC AGENDA

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. All Public Agenda items will be allowed five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action. Printed materials are encouraged.

No items have been submitted.

PLANNING

No items have been submitted.

COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Rio Vista Streetlights

Paul Gunzelman, Acting Traffic Engineer, gave a brief presentation explaining the process of how a newly annexed area is offered streetlights. The streetlights would be 1) placed at all intersections and at mid-block for blocks that run longer than 1000ft; 2) Linear streets would be curbed to enhance traffic safety; and 3) there would be no cost to the homeowners for streetlighting. The Rio Vista area was polled and the majority ruled on no streetlights. Recently, the Riverview area was polled and they are in favor of streetlighting.

DAB Member Casados asked what the boundary for Rio Vista area is? *Rio Vista boundary is Meridian to Legion, 60th Street North to Evanston.*

Members of the public spoke regarding concerns and questions, as listed below with responses in Italics:

- Who makes the final determination for this process? *The DAB can make a recommendation to the City Council.*
- Any choice of what lights we will get? *KGE has special lights that are placed all over the City. They will not be shielded.*
- Utility poles change standard of area. *Some areas will have underground service.*
- Many residents moved to the area because it had a country feeling, you could see the stars, they have privacy and low crime rates. With streetlights, this takes away that atmosphere and is an unnecessary cost to the City.

Member Turner was amazed that the residents did not want streetlights in their area after he has worked so hard to get lights for his neighborhood.

Member Foster asked what kind of criteria was used to determine if an area needed streetlights? Is the crime rate looked at? Gunzelman responded that newly annexed areas per standards are polled to see if streetlights are needed.

Council Member Cole stated that there are plenty of areas without streetlights and many residents who want streetlights. When areas are newly annexed they are given the option of streetlights. Riverview area said yes to lights and Rio Vista area said no to lights. This is their decision and I hope they don't change their mind in two weeks.

Member Rangel asked the Community Police that were present about the crime status in the area and the value it is to have streetlights. *Lt. Roy Mitchell* stated that he had never heard of the areas mentioned tonight. Not a lot of calls in that bureau. Many areas are begging for streetlights. These areas need to make their own choice, but as a Police Officer, streetlights are safer for community and keep the criminal element out.

Member Casados commented that as a school principal she hears staff and parents asking for more streetlights. Research shows that streetlights don't make a difference, they only make people feel safer.

Member Wiley asked if there was a time limit for placing the lights in this area? Meaning if they don't want them now, can they get them later?

Council Member Cole again stated that the lights were offered to newly annexed areas and they may not be given another chance to receive lights.

Member Turner asked that the audience who were present be given one last opportunity to state if they wanted streetlights. Vote was 14 No/5Yes.

Recommendation: Motion to recommend NO streetlights for the Rio Vista area
(**Foster/Schreck 11-0**)

Motion to recommend streetlights for the Riverview area.
(**Schreck/Casados 11-0**)

***A two-minute break was allowed to fix the sound system.

2. **Police Beat 49**

Lt. Roy Mitchell, Patrol North Community Police Supervisor made a presentation overviewing the City as a whole and the inquiries made of Police Beat 49's size. This information does not include the results of the 2000 Census. Police calls and the action taken is determined by the category/weight of call. The weight/category ranks from 0 to 2.0 meaning such as 0 weight as general information broadcast to weight 2.0 complex scene. The weight assigned to each call type is not necessarily a reflection of the number of officers used, nor is it a direct reflection of the length of time that the call is open. Police Beat 49 does not have the lowest call load or the highest call load.

With a new Police Chief in charge, Beats and Districts will be reviewed in relationship to how the City is growing, analytical information, and crime reports. This will help determine if changes are needed to Beats.

Council Member Cole asked if there was no change for Beat 49 in the near future. *Lt. Mitchell* responded that the area did not have a lot of crime, and emphasized call weight for this area.

Member Schreck stated that there is hunting near the Moorings, close to where he lives and people are concerned about being hit with pellets. Part of this area is City and also County. *Lt. Mitchell* responded he would check with Officer Shultz and follow-up.

Recommendation: Receive and File (**VanWalleghen/Casados 11-0**)

Member Schreck stated he would commend the Police Department as they always respond quickly when the Moorings need help.

3. **Community Education Overview**

Virdena Gilkey, Community Education Coordinator for District V and VI, described the concept that “Lighted Schools are open doors at schools, bringing Community back into a safe haven for resources citizens are already paying for through tax dollars.” *Ms. Gilkey* is housed at *Hadley Middle School* and has a partnership with USD 259 to provide evening courses for family enrichment and adults. She starts with a Needs Assessments to see what Communities want in the way of education and recreation. The City of Wichita offers these classes for free. There is partnering with agencies to provide programs and volunteers. *Ms. Gilkey* asked if anyone would like to volunteer or knows of anyone who would like to volunteer for this worthwhile cause. Also, *Ms. Gilkey* is getting ready to start a needs assessments in the Evergreen area with assistance from the neighborhood assistant

Member Matney asked if she speaks at Neighborhood Association meetings? *Ms. Gilkey* responded she would love to be invited and hopes the neighbors would be interested to assist with her Advisory Council.

Member Schreck asked if you could start classes at anytime?

Ms. Gilkey replied that this was informal education and you could enroll at any time. New classes would start after spring break in March.

Recommendation: Receive and File (**Sloan/Wiley 11-0**)

Council Member Cole wished *Ms. Gilkey* well in her position.

At this time, there was an introduction of three guests, John Peoples, 18th and Sheridan, who likes living in Wichita, works at Cessna and believes in being involved with community. He visits the DAB meetings to see what is going on.

Neil Hague, candidate for City Council District VI seats.

Pat Miller, candidate for City Council District VI seats would like to commend Council Member Cole for working closely with residents.

4. **Review Issues** *RESULTS IN ITALICS*

- Better understanding of the CIP.
- Look at the North Midtown Plan and have interested parties appear before the Board. *21ST STREET TASK FORCE INVITED TO FEB. 21ST DAB MEETING TO SEE NEW REVISIONS. PUBLIC FORUM AT MONDAY, MARCH 5TH DAB MEETING*
- Parks – Schell Park: *MEMBER TURNER WILL KEEP DAB APPRAISED, SPRINKLER SYSTEM ALMOST INSTALLED.*
Sherwood Glen – 37th and Womer Park: *ON-GOING REPORTS/NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IS TO TAKE NEXT STEP.*

MEMBER SLOAN ASKED ABOUT BIKE AND TRAILS PATH THAT WAS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL FOR SHERWOOD GLEN AREA IN 1996. COULD THIS BE LOOKED AT AGAIN?

- Central Riverside Park-MOTION TO REFER TO FUTURE DAB/INVOLVE PARK USE TASK FORCE. (**FEAREY/RANGEL 11-0**)
- Change one-way streets to two-way: RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE AT FEB.21ST DAB MEETING. ALSO POSSIBLE STATEMENT FROM USD 259 ON THIS TOPIC. MEMBER RANGEL WILL ALSO HAVE SOME FORM OF RECOMMENDATION FROM **C.O.R.E.**
- Recreation programs for youth in the district. REFER TO FUTURE DAB
- Update the survey data for the bridge over the floodway on 13th, 21st, 25th and/or 29th streets. NO NEW INFORMATION .

OTHER ISSUES:

- LOOK AT GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA
- Delano Plan: RAY RANCURET, DELANO PRESIDENT WILL MAKE PRESENTATION AT HMCA MEETING ON FEB. 6TH.
- LOOK AT PERMANENT PUMP STATIONS FOR 37TH AND WOODROW. **FUTURE MEETING**
- UPDATE ON NORTH 13TH RIVERWALK/RIVERSIDE AREA
- CLEAN UP OF THE RIVER. Contact Jack Brown/Environmental Health
- HOW POLICE STUDY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS? Member VanWalleghen asked what happened to the committee that was to look at this? Council Member Cole stated that this would need to be recommended from City Council to review again.

Recommendation: Receive and File (No motion)

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Problem Properties

- Graffiti-Broadway and Topeka, North of 13th on small buildings, Emporia and St. Francis on south side of street and corner of Topeka and Emporia/traffic light boxes.
- Street with crack at 32nd and Hood. In cull de sac. Large enough that children with tricycles getting stuck.
- 1400 Park Place/cars vandalized during day.

Recommendation: Receive and Take appropriate action.

6a. C & D Landfill tour follow-up/attachment included

Member Schreck discussed that 28 people toured the sites and others called who were interested but could not attend. **Schreck** stated that the tour answered all concerns and many were more concerned with *Ritchie Construction's* rock crusher and transfer station. Also the residents at the Moorings will not have to see or hear anything from this business because the site will build from the Moorings back. There is a gas line that runs through the Moorings and no one wants the line removed. Natural wildlife in that area.

Member's Fearey and Sloan commented that the tour was very interesting and they learned a lot.

Council Member Cole stated that there had been calls about no liners being used at the C&D landfill. KDHE will be monitoring what will be brought in. There is a 15ft separation from the water table. *Ritchie Construction* is closer to 5ft. Separation on the C&D side. But this is outside of City Limits.

Member Schreck stated that the business would transfer trash and bring back rock.

Member Rangel asked wasn't the Brooks expansion zoned for park development?

Council Member Cole commented that would be for the future Council to look at

Recommendation: Receive and File with no objections to C&D landfill and gas line should be left alone based on neighbors decision. (**Schreck/Casados 11-0**)

6b. Neighborhood University Round Table Representatives

Neighborhood University will be on Saturday, February 24th at the Sedgwick County Extension Office and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Members Matney and Van Walleghen;** have volunteered to preside at a round table discussion pertaining to the topic of District Advisory Boards.

7a. MAPC Notice of Public Hearings

Two *Notices of Public Hearings* for Conditional Use to allow Ancillary parking area in the "B" Multi-family Residential zoning district were handed out by the Neighborhood Assistant to inform DAB Members of on-goings in the District.

Member Foster commented that these cases were to be brought before the DAB because they were not BZA cases and these cases should be seen by the DAB.

Council Member Cole stated that if the DAB wanted to hear these cases they should be brought to DAB.

Recommendation: Motion to request the *Conditional Use* cases be brought before the DAB meeting for Wednesday, Feb. 21st. (**Foster/Sloan 11-0**)

Member Casados made a motion for Wednesday, February 21st DAB meeting to start at 6:00 p.m. Due to length of agenda for that night.

Member Wiley left at 9:50 but gave his vote as (Yes) for Council Compensation Increase for the Mayor and City Council.

7b. Compensation Increase for Council Members

First Pro-Tem Dorathea Sloan was chair for this topic. **Council Member Cole** excused herself and left due to family reasons. **Member Fearey** also excused herself due to conflict of interest.

Comments made by DAB Members:

- This needs to be discussed at neighborhood association meetings
- What percentage of time do Council Members spend daily
- The public does not realize how much work a Council Member does, including background reading, gathering information and making decisions. This is an On-going job.
- The City Council position should be full-time and have them office at the Mini-City Halls and make them accessible to the public.
- This City Council lifestyle is very intrusive.
- The discussion on raises should be automatic and brought up annually and done in steps.
- The pay should allow for the Council Member to be full-time and not have to worry about another source of income or in fear of losing their job.

Recommendation: Motion to table discussion, respect the wishes of those who want to discuss this topic at their neighborhood association meetings and make a decision at Wednesday, February 21st DAB meeting. (**Sloan/Casados 9-0**)

With no further discussion, meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal
District VI Neighborhood Assistant

Guests:

Steve and Charlene Siedhoff	5765 N. Sedgwick, 67204
Larry and Pat Strelow	2105 Rio Vista, 67201225
Kathleen Oster	6441 Bella Road, 67204
Neil Hague	1212 Bitting, 67203
Ken and Marcine Moldenhauer	6401 Campos Lane, 67204
Vernon Parker	6301 Campos Lane, 67204
B. Fraley	5501 N. Athenian
Pat Miller	3601 Amidon, 67204-3821
Agnes Melton	6110 Calma Drive, 67204
Paul Martin	6100 Calma Drive, 67204
Joe and Jessie Fulgham	6300 Bella Vista Rd., 67204
Nancy and Michael Lempke	6224 Bella Rd., 67204
Nancy and Ken Kutz	6300 Compos, 67204
John Peoples	1860 N. Sheridan, 67203
Roger Albrecht	2025 Ventoso, 67204
Donald Peterson	6431 Rico Rd., 67204
Steve Peniston	6120 Calma, 67204
Lt. Roy Mitchell	Patrol North
Officer M. Schultz	Patrol North
Virdena Gilkey	Community Educator/ City staff
Paul Gunzelman	Traffic Engineer